



#FairDealNow, the High Court ruling and the battle to stop Brexit

The High Court ruling that the UK Parliament must be allowed to vote on triggering Article 50 is not viewed by New Europeans as a move to derail the outcome of the Referendum. It is merely a matter of due process that underpins the long-established convention that Parliament, not Government, is sovereign.

What the ruling, still to be confirmed, by the Supreme Court, does offer is a proper opportunity for Parliamentarians to discuss and approve the basic tenets of the UK's position upon which the UK's future relationship with the EU will be based. We wholeheartedly welcome this.

New Europeans was founded in 2013 while an EU Referendum was still a matter of discussion. Although the organisation argues that Britain should remain in the European Union (<https://neweuropeans.net/article/1512/remainers-till-we-die>) its principal aim then, as now, has been to promote the rights of EU Nationals, both in the UK and also British citizens living and working elsewhere in Europe.

We have been delighted to work co-operatively with similarly minded organisations throughout Europe to secure justice for EU nationals.

It is in this spirit that we recently provided a platform for two newly formed groups - the3million, which is campaigning for the rights of EU nationals in the UK, and Fair Deal for Expats, working to support British nationals living in Europe - for a specific approach to MPs and members of the House of Lords. The name of our joint campaign is [#FairDealNow](#).

Our three organisations launched the Pledge Card at an event in the Palace of Westminster calling on Parliamentarians to work to secure a fair and just future arrangement to secure the rights of EU nationals post Brexit.

We maintain, and our view has been reinforced by legal opinion, that these rights should not be part of the the UK's negotiating stance and they can be guaranteed immediately irrespective of when Article 50 is triggered.

It is possible that if the Supreme Court rules that Parliament must determine when, and therefore if, to trigger Article 50, the result could prove counterproductive as Theresa May could call a snap general election and be returned with a larger majority comprising more hardline Brexiteers. (<https://neweuropeans.net/article/1516/legal-challenge-risks-making-brex-it-more-not-less-likely-pro-eu-activist>)

But, whatever their Lordships in the Supreme Court decide, we will continue to press for the rights of EU citizens to be protected. Now!

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